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## LIMITING ARMAMENTS.

### GREAT HOPES OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

### SOVIET SCHEME AIRED.

#### Destruction of All Means of Warfare.

#### INTENSE PROPAGANDA FOR PEACE AND DISARMAMENT URGED.

For the first time the Soviet has been represented at the preliminary Disarmament Conference at Geneva.

At the opening session yesterday M. Litvinoff, the chief Soviet delegate, made a long statement urging the absolute destruction of all means of warfare and a campaign having for its object complete disarmament and intense propaganda for peace and disarmament.

The statement has already been criticised as impracticable.

Meanwhile both Russia and the United States have signified that they will not be members of the proposed Security Committee.

### BRITAIN'S GREAT REDUCTIONS.

Rugby, Yesterday. Twenty-six nations including the first time delegates of all the Great Powers are represented at the Preparatory Disarmament Commission which opens its session at Geneva to-day.

Earlier in the year the Commission was engaged on drafting questions that might serve as a basis for the main conference.

In the absence of an agreement work on the draft was delayed and will not be resumed until the present meeting has reviewed the present position and has considered the appointment of a security committee as recommended by the eighth meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations.

The Assembly's resolution urged that such a committee should be charged with the study under the direction of the Commission of the best methods of giving all countries the guarantees of arbitration and security necessary to enable them to fix the level of their armaments at the lowest possible figure.

#### Britain's Great Share.

The British newspapers generally are devoting much attention to the proceedings at Geneva and display a unanimous desire both for economy and the less materialistic reason that a specific progress on international basis shall be made towards limiting armaments.

As for Britain's share, it is recognised that acting independently of all international agreements Britain has made sweeping reductions in her armed forces during recent years.

On land she immediately cancelled conscription when the war ended and has since reduced her army. On sea in spite of Imperial commitments and duties in all parts of the world her forces have been reduced to an unprecedented extent.—British Wireless Service.

#### OPENING SCENES.

Elaborate Precautions at the Glass Hall.

#### Geneva, Yesterday.

The Preparatory Disarmament Conference opened at 11.15 this morning in the Glass Hall being packed, Jonkheer, Loudon (Holland), presiding. Remarkable precautions were taken, not a single car being allowed to be parked in the court yard of the Secretariat building which is usually full of cars. The street running parallel to the Hall was closed to the public who were excluded from the Hall.

Besides the United States the Soviet of Russia and 24 Governments were represented at the Conference.

Jonkheer Loudon, in his opening speech, hoped that all delegates would cordially co-operate in the task of the Conference of forming a sub-Committee to deal with the problems of security and arbitration.

M. Politis was elected Vice-President.

#### No Progress Made.

M. Litvinoff read a long statement asserting that no progress had been made in disarmament and revealing the views of the Soviet in favour of the scheme. He

### GETS 3 ARMIES.

#### Cheng Chien Strengthens His Hand.

#### MAN OF NANKING NOTORIETY.

#### 20,000 Former Hankow Troops Now Surrender.

Hankow, Yesterday. Three armies corps—the 8th, 35th and 36th—hitherto supporting the Hankow Government against the Nanking Government have passed under the control of General Cheng Chien, whose command is thereby considerably enlarged.

This has come about through negotiations between General Cheng Chien and General Ho Chien, who commands the Hankow forces now that General Tang Seng-chi has fled, in defeat, to Japan.

The negotiations have occupied some time but have not been concluded.

#### Yang Sen Mixed Up Too.

General Yang Sen also has a delegate in Hankow, who is discussing matters with General Cheng Chien with regard to the position on the Upper Yangtze, between Ichang and Shasi, and the representative hopes to arrive at a compromise.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu, the former super-leader of the Northern armies, is reported to be sheltering at Kweifoo, but the Nanking Government has ordered his arrest.—British Naval Wireless.

#### Effect on Squabble.

The three Hankow armies (say 20,000 bayonets) which have now been taken over by General Cheng Chien for the Nanking Government are mostly in the south of Hunan province and along the Yangtze above Hankow.

They did not suffer material casualties in the war with Nanking and their surrender was generally expected, this course being generally followed when one faction is crushed by another.

Cheng Chien will be remembered as being in charge of Nanking when the Nationalists captured the city in March and foreigners there were subjected to a series of atrocities. He is squabbling with colleagues for power at Hankow and this surrender to him will strengthen his hands.

#### UP IN SHANSI.

"Christian General's" Finger in Shansi Pie.

#### Peking, Yesterday.

Reports from Taiyuan (the capital of Shansi province, which is at war with Peking) state that 2,500 men of the Kuominchun (the "Christian General's" army) have arrived there and established brigade headquarters, issuing a proclamation in the name of the Kuominchun that reinforcements for Shansi (against Peking) are expected at Niangtszekuan Pass shortly.

It is officially stated here that several telegrams have received from General Chang Tsaung-chang from Hsuehchowfu declaring that all is quiet there, and proving that the Nanking Nationalists have not occupied the city.—Reuter.

#### AIR FORCE:

#### YEARLY BUILDING OF AEROPLANES.

#### NO INFORMATION!

Rugby, Yesterday. Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, stated in the House of Commons, in reply to a question that of the 756 aeroplanes possessed by the Air Force, none was built before 1919. He declined to give the public interest to state how many were built in each year from that date.—British Wireless Service.

armament had progressed much further.

There is general relief in Committee and League circles at the satisfactory issue of the first day's deliberations.

The second reading of the draft of the disarmament Convention, at which the Russian plan is set down for discussion, will probably be taken in January. The general view of the Soviet scheme, in which he entirely agreed, was that it ought to be postponed until the matter of dis-

### KOWLOON FIRE.

#### Four Houses Badly Damaged.

#### BRIGADE'S GOOD WORK.

#### Lad Rescued From Blazing Building.

Involving four houses which were well alight before the alarm was sent to the Fire Brigade, a blaze at Laichau Road, Kowloon, this morning did extensive damage to the buildings affected.

The alarm was given at 5.55 a.m. by telephone from the Shamshui Po Police station and appliances from Mongkok and Kowloon Fire station were quickly on the scene. The Mongkok appliance arrived within four minutes of the alarm having been given, and within another minute a district call message had been circulated.

Other appliances were then ordered to the fire, the large float from the Hong Kong Fire Station, with Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent, Mr. G. C. Moss and firemen proceeding to the scene.

#### Fire Escape Rescue.

Very shortly after the arrival of the Mongkok appliance, the Kowloon Fire Station appliances arrived at the fire and with great promptitude a fire escape was slipped and ascended to the second floor of No. 62 where a youth of sixteen, with his escape cut off,

#### FINE—CLOUDY.

#### Weather Forecast For To-morrow.

The weather report issued by the Royal Observatory this forenoon stated:—

The anticyclone over China has weakened slightly.

Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

was in danger of being burnt to death. His rescue was effected by one of the Chinese sub-officers.

The four houses were well alight before the arrival of the Brigade and, in getting to work with their hose and motor pumps, the firemen concentrated on checking the fire from spreading to adjoining buildings. They were successful in their endeavours and from the time of their arrival, the flames were held in check and no further damage was done.

#### Roofs Burnt Out.

The hold the flames had obtained before the alarm was given was such, however, that considerable damage had been done to the houses, the roofs of which were burnt out.

The range of four buildings involved (of three floors) covered a total area of forty feet and were used as shops and dwellings, the shops (rattan and cane ware) being on the ground floor. It was apparently among this inflammable material that the fire first started.

Within an hour and a half of the time of calling "stop" message was sent showing that the fire was well in hand and almost extinguished. The appliances, and most of the men were able to return shortly after 8 a.m., but a European sub-officer and a relief of firemen were employed during the morning in extinguishing smouldering ashes.

#### No One Missing.

The appliances used to extinguish the fire were a hydrant, three motor pumps and fire float with a total of eight deliveries.

No one is reported as missing from among the inmates of the burnt dwelling.

#### TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 20/5/16

### HOW TIMES CHANGE.

#### Keeping on the Side of Winners.

#### IRONSIDES TAKE SHIUHING?

#### "Paperides" in Nanking Now Home sick.

Times are changing in Canton in a sense which is not generally known to foreigners.

Since getting into power by their recent coup, the Ironsides (mostly Cantonese troops) have broadcast "Support the Nationalist Party" views, and propaganda on these lines has gained them in important capture without having to fight for the same.

#### Cret Into Shiuhing.

The doubtful elements, anxious to keep on good terms with the winning side, are now also pledged to give their all for the cause. In fact, a new faction can be said to have sprung up which, for convenience, can be called the "Party Supporters" faction.

The Kwangsi military faction has not recovered from the shock of the coup. They had several thousands of trained men concentrated at Shiuhing, 80 miles

from Canton, ready to make a stand. Now these men are withdrawing up the West River to Kwangsi; and Ironsides, advancing cautiously along the River banks, have appeared at Shiuhing to take over control.

#### Anomalous Position.

General Li Fook-jum, whose troops in Honan are sometimes referred to as the "Paperides," is co-operating with the Ironsides as well as he has done with the many cliques before. However, his 16th division, which is at Nanking, supporting the Nanking Government, is in the anomalous position of being with a rival faction.

Pleading "homesickness," this division now wants to get back to Canton to rejoin their colleagues.

### DEADLY GERMS.

#### REMARKABLE RESULT OF EXPERIMENTS.

#### LONGEVITY OF BACILLI.

#### Rugby, Yesterday.

The "Evening Standard" learns that a remarkable result has followed an experiment made with deadly germs by Sir William Simpson, Director at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases. Twenty-six years ago he placed a test tube bacilli taken from a patient suffering from one of the most dreaded diseases. The tube was sealed, and for all those years has remained so.

Now Sir W. Simpson has devoted his attention to discovering whether the germs are still alive. To his astonishment he found them to be alive. A guinea pig was inoculated with them and, after showing the well-known symptoms of the disease, it died.

Further work is proceeding, it being recognised that in the light of such happening it may become necessary to revise completely the views previously held on the longevity of bacilli.

It is said that the longest period recorded up to the present in which life has persisted in culture of this kind is one year.—British Wireless Service.

#### FIRE FROM SHORE.

#### "PARROT'S BEAK" CHANNEL AGAIN.

#### "WING ON'S" EXPERIENCE.

The bandits who have recently been giving trouble in the neighbourhood of "Parrot's Beak" Channel, the rather narrow part of the West River delta shortly after entering, yesterday opened fire on the s.s. "Wing On" (captained by Capt. Mutton) as the Wuchow boat was on her return trip to Hong Kong. This was late last night.

The "Wing On" was not hit and no harm was done. The object of the firing is hard to determine. It can hardly be that the bandits anticipated the "Wing On" stopping for them to board her, and the probability is that they are merely making themselves troublesome in the hope that they may be paid for dealing—presumably by the owner.

The "Wing On" was twice fired on in this neighbourhood recently and two men were hit.

Another interview.

According to the witness held that both bandits were present when he and an arrived. "Wing On" was

### MORPHIA "DEAL?"

#### The Charge Against Foreigners.

#### TO-DAY'S EVIDENCE.

#### Cross-Examination Of Mr. Haynes.

At the resumption this morning of the case against James Christie and Christopher Blum, Mr. E. Haynes continued his evidence.

The telegram he referred to at the previous hearing, he said, he saw in Christie's hand in his room at St. George Hotel. At the same time Christie produced another paper which purported to contain the decoded message.

#### Crept Into Shiuhing.

He said that half way through the meeting on November 11 at No. 430 Nathan Road, prices were discussed, and Christie mentioned three different brands. Of these names he could only remember "Hok Nam," and he remembered Au Young saying that he preferred

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#### Lightning Strike and Boycott.

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the meeting on November 11 at No. 430 Nathan Road, prices were discussed, and Christie mentioned three different brands. Of these names he could only remember "Hok Nam," and he remembered

Au Young saying that he preferred

"Party Supporters" faction.

Previous to this meeting Christie had given witness implicit instructions not to use his name at all but simply use "Dear Jim" in all letters.

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December 6th, 1927

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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## PARTICULARS &amp; CONDITIONS

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## CHINESE MIND.

A GLIMPSE OF ITS  
VAGARIES.

## SOLUTION IMPOSSIBLE.

I do not propose to guide you through the maze of the Celestial mind, or, to unravel its tortuous knots, but rather to give a glimpse of its vagaries and peculiarities; to attempt to solve the Chinese mind is impossible.

Not until the old order of things, by that I mean the fear of imaginary evil spirits, the ancestral worship, and above all that which is so deeply rooted in the Chinese character, the "squeeze system", is eliminated, will the Chinese no longer be an enigma.

For these things influence the Chinese thought and life tremendously, and I rather think to eliminate them would be like asking the Creator to evolve a new race! The Chinese being the most conservative race on earth, living in the past, and in their attitude and methods centuries behind the times are as yet little influenced by Western thought and practice. If it is doubtful if Western thought and education can ever remove the peculiar and meandering way of thinking and doing things from the Chinese psychology, or be at the best, more than a heavy veneer.

Courage and cowardice, cunning and temerity, kindness and cruelty, are all components of the Chinese mind weighted down with apathy and fatalism; yet within he is generous and courteous, and hates any kind of trouble and disturbance. He is not very amenable to the pretty restrictions and rules as laid down in civil law, whether they are his own or those of another country in which he happens to be staying.

To avoid these restrictions, he will do his utmost, with the temerity of a child, and upon discovery pay his fine or forfeiture with nonchalance. He seems from sheer perversity and contrariness to view these laws as something entirely unnecessary, and only made that he may break them.

One may point out to him that such and such a thing is permissible, but that on no account is so and so allowed. He will thank one courteously for the trouble one has taken, but when one has gone, will conveniently forget all about it and think him a fool for taking the trouble.

Even when he has paid the penalty of his omission with a heavy fine he will commit the same offence a few weeks later, and so he goes along, until one almost despairs of his intelligence.

The Chinese are probably the greatest gamblers on earth; there is nothing he likes better in his spare time than a flutter at "Fantan" "Ma-cheuk" or cards.

A propos his love of gambling, when he wishes to buy jade for commercial purposes he and other probable purchasers go along to the merchants, and the merchants hold a sort of informal auction. Whilst playing "Ma-cheuk", and drinking tea, a block of jade, rough from the mines, covered in extraneous matter, is brought in. No one knows the true value of the jade within the crust, but bids are made on the probable value; the block may be sold for \$100, \$300, or \$1,000, and there may be double the value of the mineral within the dross; or, on the contrary there may not be a third of the purchase price. No one cares; if bought at a loss, "Maskeel" better luck next time! John is nothing if not a good loser.

In passing it may be interesting to add that a surprising amount of business is done, and much property changes hands over a game of apparently all-absorbing "Ma-cheuk". The casual observer would think it ironical under such noisy and distracting influences.

An inherent characteristic of the Chinese is to make "squeeze", or from our point of view, questionable profit, on every business or monetary transaction, big or small. Every one, from one's cook-boy to a "turban" or governor of a

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HAKUJAN MARU . . . . . Saturday, 31st December.  
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.  
TANGO MARU . . . . . Wednesday, 21st December.  
AKI MARU . . . . . Wednesday, 18th January, 1928.  
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.  
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TAKAOKA MARU . . . . . Wednesday, 21st December.  
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DAKAR MARU . . . . . Friday, 9th December.  
CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON  
AKITA MARU . . . . . Tuesday, 29th December.  
TOKUSHIMA MARU . . . . . Monday, 12th December.  
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AKI MARU . . . . . Friday, 16th December.  
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ANDRE LEJEUN . . . . . A	18th November	17th Dec.	20th Dec.
CHEN-NOUAUX . . . . . A	2nd December	4th Jan.	18th Jan.
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NEW SPEED BOAT.  
ACCIDENT OCCURS AT TESTING.

New York City, Nov. 22. Disclosure of the successful testing of a new long-distance speed boat came to-day almost simultaneously with an accident which may put the craft out of commission for some time.

The vessel is of the torpedo speed-boat type. It was designed by P. O. Haines, well known plane designer.

Sunday, it was revealed today, Mrs. William B. Leeds piloted the craft at a speed of sixty-three miles an hour with twenty passengers aboard at Cold Springs Harbour.

Announcement was made that those interested in the craft intended to send the "Fantail," as it is called, to San Francisco to race to Honolulu in an effort to break existing speed records some time during the winter or next spring.

Shortly after this announcement, however, the "Fantail" hit a log while speeding in Long Island Sound. Some damage was done. It will require extensive inspection to determine exactly how severe the damage was.—United Press.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning:

North Arm Basin, Witherington, Stormcloud, Sterling, Nessus, Peterel, Tern and Subs, L2 and L4; East Wall Basin, Subs, L1, L15 and L20; North Arm, Franklin, West Wall Dock, Titania, L2, L3, Wiven and Veteran; In Docks, St. Monance, Cherub and L7, L8 and L19; Buoy 1, Argus; Buoy 2, Heron; Buoy 6, Iroquois; Buoy 7, Marazion; Buoy 8, Ambrose and Subs, L2, L27 and L38; Buoy 10, Seraph; Buoy 11, Scapris and Sirdar; Buoy 12, Somme; Buoy 13, Bruce; Buoy 20, Belgoi; Buoy 26, Kharaki; Buoy A26, Ruthenia. Also, in port, U.S.S. Pampanga.

## A COLLISION.

The Nanyo Yusen Kaisha steamer "Macassar Maru," on leaving the harbour for Northern ports and Japan, collided with the s.s. "Certye," causing damage but no loss of life.

## BRIGHT LIGHTS.

For using bright lights for fishing purposes outside the prescribed limits, viz., in Lyemur Pass, two masters of trading junks were fined \$5 each at the Marine Court this morning.

## STOP CROUP.

It stops croup. That's why mothers keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. It contains no narcotics and is best for the children. For sale everywhere.

## MENACE TO DAIREN.

## PLAN OF NEW MANCHURIAN PORT.

Peking, Nov. 7.

The plan of the Mukden authorities to develop Hulu Island as a port (ice free), which undertaking is now definitely to be started, had been delayed because of considerations of conflict of interests with Japan. It had been also suspected that the plan was one in which Britain and America are interested, though it had been given out by the Mukden authorities that the object in view was the development of Manchuria and Mongolia.

Now that the Tashuan-Tungliao and Mukden-Haicheng Railways have been completed, the construction of a port in Hulu Island is regarded as a matter of urgent necessity in order to afford an outlet for the goods carried by those railways.

The construction of the proposed harbour facilities will cost 30,000,000 yuan or more, and the enterprise has been regarded as rather too big for the Mukden authorities to undertake alone.

It has been suspected that the object of constructing the port is to check the forward policy of Japan in Manchuria and Mongolia. If the port is improved as planned, it will clearly become a formidable rival to Dairen, and the plan is regarded consequently as an obstacle to the Sino-Japanese negotiations in regard to Manchuria and Mongolia.

Hulu Island is situated off the Hulu Promontory, across the northern section of the Gulf of Pechili from the prosperous port of Newchwang—that is, at the entrance to Lienshan Bay. It is seven miles from Lienshan Station, on the Peking-Mukden Railway, and is connected with that line by a branch railway. It is an ice free port, with a considerable depth of water and giving ample room for anchorage. It has long been regarded as a valuable natural harbour, and Li Hung-chang, the great statesman of the Ching Dynasty, attempted to have the place developed as a commercial port, but without success.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "City of Osaka" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 4.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Forresbank" are advised that goods remaining undelivered will be subject to rent after December 5.

Consignees of cargo ex s.s. "Benlondon" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after December 6.

## COMMONWEALTH STEAMERS.

## A London Comment.

The shipping journal "Fairplay" states:—"If, as has been reported, the Commonwealth Line had been unable to cover working expenses, leaving nothing for depreciation or interest, its transfer to a private company under the Commonwealth flag at a low value will not do much good. The line has been very well managed, and under existing circumstances it will either have to be continued as it is present—which will probably happen—or be sold for what it will fetch without any restriction."

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ANDRES MARU . . . . . Thursday, 8th December.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS &amp; BUENOS AIRES—via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban &amp; Cape Town.

SANTOS MARU . . . . . Friday, 2nd December.

MANILA MARU . . . . . Saturday, 31st December.

BOMBAY—via Singapore and Colombo.

CELEBES MARU (calls at Karachi). Sunday, 4th December.

ISHIKARI MARU . . . . . Thursday, 8th December.

INDUS MARU . . . . . Tuesday, 20th December.

BORNEO MARU . . . . . Friday, 23rd December.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—via Singapore and Colombo.

CALCUTTA—via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

BINGO MARU . . . . . Thursday, 22nd December.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA &amp; VANCOUVER VIA JAPAN PORTS.

ARABIA MARU (from Shanghai). Thursday, 1st December.

HAIPHONG—via HOIHO &amp; PAKHOL. Thursday, 1st December.

TAIKWA MARU . . . . . Tuesday, 8th December.

MENADO MARU . . . . . Tuesday, 29th December.

NEW YORK—via Japan ports, San Francisco &amp; Panama.

HAMBURG MARU . . . . . Sunday, 4th December.

JAPAN PORTS . . . . . Sunday, 18th December.

ATLAS MARU . . . . . Sunday, 22nd December.

KEIJUEN VIA SWATOW &amp; AMOY. Tuesday, 20th December.

HOZAN MARU . . . . . Sunday, 4th December, 11 a.m.

TAKAO VIA SWATOW &amp; AMOY. Thursday, 1st December, 8 a.m.

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MARU	4,614	12th Dec.	Singapore, Colombo & Bombay
JEYPORE	6,514	17th Dec.	Marseilles, London & Hull
KHIVA	9,136	17th Dec.	Straits & Bombay
KASHGAR	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MOREA	10,955	7th Jan.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	7th Jan.	Straits & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,986	4th Feb.	Marseilles & London
EHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
Macedonia	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
* KHIVA	9,135	10th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KASHMIR	8,985	17th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MONGOLIA	10,604	14th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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MOREA	10,058	9th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
GARNUL	6,254	11th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONTA		1928	
DELTA	8,097	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MALWA	10,980	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
EHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
Macedonia	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
KALYAN	8,985	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MANTUA	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Kobe
ST. ALBANS	10,946	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	4,500	9th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	17th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MALWA	10,986	27th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
Macedonia	11,120	26th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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**MORE ROBBERIES.****MESSENDER RELIEVED OF \$3,500.****ALLEGED OFFER OF BRIBE.**

A messenger employed in a Chinese shop was yesterday walking in Connaught Road Central with about \$3,500 which was entrusted to him to deliver to another shop, when near the junction of Market Street he was stopped by three robbers who relieved him of the money.

After the theft, the robbers ran up Market Street and disappeared. The money was partly in Hong Kong notes, whilst about \$2,000 was in Canton National Bonds.

Later the Police arrested a man in connection with the robbery, and he will be charged in due course.

**IN FROM THE COUNTRY.**

Described as musician, a Chinese was yesterday afternoon remanded by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on a charge of stealing \$335 from a pig dealer, and with offering a bribe to a Chinese detective who arrested him.

The pig dealer who had recently arrived from Kwongchauwan, had visited several local dealers and had collected a sum of money. His business being completed, he was walking in Des Vaux Road on his way to his boarding house when he was suddenly struck in the face, and simultaneously the money which he was carrying in his left hand, done up in a parcel, was snatched away from him. He chased the thief who was stopped by the Chinese detective, into whose hand the accused pressed a bunch of notes when he was seized.

Further hearing of the case was fixed for to-morrow.

**NEW BUILDINGS.****FURTHER FALLING-OFF LAST YEAR.****SPECULATION CHECKED.**

The following appears in the annual report of the Public Works Department for 1926:

**WORKS UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE.**

In comparison with the figures published in the annual reports of recent years a further falling off in the number of plans dealing with new buildings has to be recorded. The exodus due to the strike in 1925 automatically adjusted the shortage in housing accommodation which had been acutely felt by the Chinese prior to that event; the resulting fall in rents and the number of houses standing untenanted have checked further speculation in building.

A few cases of reconstruction under the Rents Restriction Ordinance were dealt with early in the year, and on the 30th June this Ordinance lapsed.

There was an increase in the number of plans submitted for "non-domestic" buildings and also in the number of plans dealing with alterations and improvements to old properties.

Attention is drawn to a graph embodied in the report which is of interest as indicating the number of plans approved and houses certified during the past twenty-one years, and also the rise and fall during the boom in speculation in land and buildings during more recent years.

Plans.—The following is tabulated statement showing the number of buildings, etc., for which plans were deposited during the year, the figures for 1925 being given in a parallel column for purposes of comparison:

	1925.	1926.
European houses	201	67
Chinese houses	475	147
Buildings and Structures other than the above	171	180
Alterations and additions to existing buildings	1,631	1,932
Verandas	322	144
Balconies	82	38
Sunshades	9	35
Areas	0	0
Piers	4	9
Wells	51	56
Total	2,946	2,608

**Supply Exceeds Demand.**

As already pointed out, the year was marked by the practical cessation of speculative building in the Colony. Apart from local financial stringency, the supply of tenement houses far exceeded the demand and land owners generally evinced reluctance in fulfilling their building covenants.

Many buildings, especially in the Kowloon district, remained in a state of semi-completion throughout the year, and in a number of cases measures had to be taken to remove portions of buildings rendered dangerous by continued exposure to the weather.

In cases, however, where owners were genuinely interested in building as an investment, Government rendered assistance by means of the Trade Loan, and towards the end of the year work was resumed on a great number of lots.

It is noticeable that there was an increase in the number of plans submitted under the heading "Alterations and additions." This was largely due to owners' expenditure on maintenance and improvements of old properties which, in more prosperous times, would have been demolished and rebuilt.

The number of plans deposited during the year was 1,874 as compared with 1,863 in 1925.

The number of plans approved during the year was 2,155 as compared with 2,636 for 1925.

Certificates.—The following Certificates for new buildings were issued:

365 under Section 204 of Ordinance 1 of 1903, for 814 domestic buildings, of which 227 were European and 587 Chinese dwellings.

111 certificates were issued for 117 non-domestic buildings.

These figures show a decrease of 120 in the case of "Domestic" and an increase of 41 in the number of "Non-Domestic" Buildings.

Under the Rents Restriction Ordinance 6 Certificates (B.O.O. Form 91) were issued in respect of 5 houses in Hong Kong and 5 houses in Kowloon. This Ordinance lapsed on June 30, 1926.

Improvements, etc., to Public Streets.—The policy of requiring houses when undergoing reconstruction, to be built at a higher level, where necessary, in order to provide for the future raising of certain low-lying areas in Hong Kong and Kowloon has been continued.

In some cases arrangements were made allowing the ground floors to be retained at their existing levels upon owners giving an undertaking to raise them down-

**LAND SALES.****ANOTHER BIG DROP IN REVENUE.****OFFICIAL FIGURES.**

The annual report of the Public Works Department for 1926 states:

Land Sales, Extensions, grants, etc.—The total amount of premia paid into the Treasury during the year was \$325,569.79 of which \$5,458.25 was derived from fees for boundary stones.

The estimate for the year was \$500,000.

The revenue derived from land sales last year was:

Sales by Auction ... \$ 30,370.50  
Sales without Auction 55,761.18  
Extensions granted ... 112,449.79  
Grants on Nominal

Terms .....  
Grants on Short Leases .....  
Extensions of Short Period Leases to 75 years ..... 20,800.09

Period Leases to 99 years .....  
Premia derived from Sale of Rights to erect piers ..... 1,280.00

Fees for Boundary Stones to define Lots ..... 6,515.50

Conversions and Exchanges ..... 94,334.20

Total ..... \$321,511.17

Actual amount of premia paid into Treasury ..... \$325,569.79

The totals of the premia in 1924 was \$1,950,812.38 and in 1925 \$581,160.88.

The difference between the above totals is accounted for by the payment of premium and interest in 1926, and of contributions to forming sewers, etc., in connection with certain transactions arranged during the previous year; and also failure to pay premium on transactions during 1926, refunds and re-adjustments.

Sales by Auction.—Three lots were sold in Hong Kong and two in New Kowloon which realised \$24,960 and \$1,905 respectively. No lots were sold in Kowloon during the year.

The District Officer (South) sold five lots which realised \$376.00 and the District Officer (North) sold 164 lots which realised \$3,129.50.

Sales Without Auction.—Six lots were sold under this heading in Hong Kong and realised \$51,664.40. An additional sum of \$24,330 on Inland Lot No. 2456 was paid in respect of permission being granted waiving certain special conditions of sale.

A sum of \$5,000 being contribution towards forming sewers in respect of Rural Building Lot 200 was also received during the year. There was no sale under this heading in Kowloon. Only one lot was sold in the New Territories which realised \$2,610.

The District Officer (South) sold seventeen lots which realised \$268.60 and the District Officer (North) sold 58 lots which realised \$1,186.18.

Extensions granted.—The extensions granted in Hong Kong comprised additional areas to Inland Lots Nos. 2352, 2353, 1946, 962, 2074, 1572, 2335, 2218, 2296, 2611, 2345, 156, 2429, and 2380 Sec. A, and R. P.; Marine Lot No. 289; Rural Building Lots Nos. 188, 250, 164, 202, 299, 302, 303, 304, 247, 309, and 57; Shaukiwan Inland Lots Nos. 477, 508, and 500; and Aberdeen Inland Lots Nos. 101, 98, 66, 99, 43, 54, and 100.

In Kowloon, extensions were granted to Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1426, 1429, 2058, 1526, 1472, 1468, and 1652; Kowloon Marine Lots Nos. 46, 96, 95, 28, and 27, and Hung Hom Inland Lot No. 256.

In New Kowloon and the New Territories extensions were granted to New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 818 and 615.

The District Officer (South) granted extensions to six lots and the District Officer (North) extensions to nine lots.

when the raising of the street is carried out.

Advantage has been taken in cases of rebuilding to require the frontages to be set back to conform to the approved lines of street widenings where such have been decided upon.

Typhoon and Rainstorm Dams.—Under the Rents Restriction Ordinance 6 Certificates (B.O.O. Form 91) were issued in respect of 5 houses in Hong Kong and 5 houses in Kowloon. This Ordinance lapsed on June 30, 1926.

The usual procedure was adopted in each instance of inspecting and where necessary arranging for shoring.

In only a few cases was there need for tenants to vacate their premises.

Minor washouts occurred from private lots and lots under development. That these were not serious is in large measure due to the greater precautions which are being adopted upon the part of the public authorities in undertaking to raise roads down-

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Paris, Nov. 14.—Georges Latrillais to-day in the presence of hundreds at the Louvre slashed a painting by Lenain with a penknife.

When arrested he offered no explanation.

## ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Scenes At Last Night's Ball.

## LAVISH HOSPITALITY.

Scottish Dances a Feature Of Programme.

Once again the City Hall last night was filled with local Scotsmen and their guests for the chief event of the annual celebration of St. Andrew's Day—the Caledonian Ball.

Although the attendance was large, the figures fell below those of many previous years and this enabled the dancers to enjoy to the full the excellent programme of dances which continued until an early hour this morning.

The scheme of decoration throughout the whole building was original and striking and bore witness to the arduous work put in by the members of the various committees who supervised it. The entrance was laured draped with the St. Andrew's Cross flaming high above, the door and inside the use of greenery had been cunningly employed together with various light effects.

In the two main dancing rooms clan shields and standards were hung together with crosses in white and blue whilst the dais was set in St. George's Hall in front of the portrait of Queen Victoria and beneath the Union Jack and the red and blue ensigns. A portrait of Robbie Burns held the place of honour in St. Andrew's Hall while pictures of Prince Charles and Sir Walter Scott were in the ante-room and tea room all of which, together with cosy sitting out places were most effectively decorated.

## Greenock Scenes.

The Theatre Royal, in which excellent arrangements for coping with the diners had been made, was decorated with a profusion of colours. The stage was admirably fitted out as the room of an old time inn, overlooking a street in Greenock, the home town of Chieftain Templeton.

Prominent in an "Auchtermuchty" was a picture of Prince's Pier, Greenock and other artistic reproductions and the general effect of the decorations here was very tasteful.

The card rooms, although not extensively patronised, were comfortably set out, in fact everywhere the utmost had been done for the convenience of guests.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government received a ceremonial greeting on arrival, being met in the Brunial Hall by the Chieftain, Mr. D. Templeton, and the Committee and piped to St. George's Hall by the Pipe Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers.

The dances (music being by the K.O.S.B. and Hong Kong Hotel bands), went with a swing and the beneficial effect of the Reel Club dances was to be observed in the polish with which various Scottish national dances were executed.

At 11 p.m. the official supper party made its way to the supper room preceded by pipers when the ceremony of passing round the quaif and ushering in the haggis was observed with enthusiasm.

## Chieftain's Address.

After the Loyal Toast had been honoured, the Chieftain, Mr. D. Templeton, addressed the guests as follows:

Your Excellent, Ladies and Gentlemen,

In the name of the Members of St. Andrew's Society Hong Kong, and on their behalf I offer a hearty Scottish welcome to you, our friends, who have honoured us by your presence to-night and I express our appreciation for your continued interest in our Saint's Day Celebration, which celebration has become a hardy annual, marking as it does, the opening of the Hong Kong Social Season.

We trust you will have full enjoyment and find the realisation fully equal to the anticipation.

As the years roll on (since 1881 as you may have observed on entry) it is becoming increasingly difficult to find subject matter for an address, as subject matter suitable to the occasion is getting a bit threadbare—resulting as it must in vain repetition somewhat boring to the listeners.

This does not seem an opportunity time for speeches, those who have supped desire to dance and those who have been dancing desire to sup and in addition the delivery of a speech is, to me, a nightmare.

Therefore to avoid boredom I am introducing an innovation at this gathering and in the place of a speech I desire to give you a toast which I trust will be received upstanding and honoured with enthusiasm by all.

"The Land of Brown Heath and Shaggy Wood,"  
"The Land of the Mountain and the Flood."

"The Land of our Sires," "Scotland," "The Land we love."

Official Supper Party.

The official supper party was as follows:

Mrs. Southorn and the President of St. Andrew's Society, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Templeton, Mr. A. K. Henderson and Mrs. Luard, H.E. Major General Luard and Mrs. Pearson, Commodore Pearson and Mrs. Sutherland, Hon. Mr. Halifax and Mrs. Macdonald, Sir Victor MacKenzie and Mrs. J. R. Wood, Col. Comyn and Mrs. Wylie, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mrs. Comyn, Sir H. Gollan and Mrs. Alabaster, Mr. K. E. Greig and Mrs. Hynes, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Mr. Justice Wood and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. G. M. Shaw and Mrs. Brearley, Hon. Mr. Hynes and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. A. Stevenson and Mrs. Maconachie, Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Cock, Mr. P. Tod and Mrs. A. L. Shields and Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. E. Cock and Mrs. Blair, Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie and Mrs. Duncan, Mr. A. L. Shields and Mrs. McTavish, Mr. A. Ritchie and Mrs. P. Tod.

## The Lancers.

The party comprising the official lancers consisted of:

In the President's set, Mrs. Southorn, the President, Mrs. Templeton, H.E. the Hon. Mr. Southorn, Mrs. Luard, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mrs. Sutherland, Commodore Pearson.

In the Vice-President's set, Mrs. Pearson, Mr. A. K. Henderson, Mrs. Wood, H.E. General Luard, Mrs. Wolfe, Hon. Mr. Halifax, Mrs. Jackman, Mr. R. Sutherland.

## The Committees.

Committees responsible for general arrangements are as follows:

General Committee:—Mr. D. Templeton (President), Mr. A. K. Henderson (Vice-President), Mr. R. R. Shaw (Past President), Mr. R. M. Dyer (Past President), Mr. R. Sutherland (Past President), Dr. G. D. R. Black (Past President), Mr. G. M. Shaw, Mr. D. Gow, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. P. Tod, Mr. W. Beveridge (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. E. M. Bryden (Joint Hon. Secretaries).

Invitation Committee:—Mr. E. M. Bryden (Convenor), Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. C. J. Cookes, Mr. W. Ironside, Mr. D. R. Kinloch, Mr. R. Macay, Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie, Mr. J. J. Paterson, Mr. C. L. Sandes, Mr. A. L. Shields and Mr. E. L. Sim.

Dancing and Music Committee:—Mr. J. D. Kinnaird (Convenor), Mr. W. J. Carrile, Mr. C. J. Cookes, Mr. N. Drummond, Mr. W. Forsyth, Mr. A. Mackenzie, Mr. H. M. McTavish, Mr. D. L. McWhirter, Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray, Mr. A. Macfarlane, Mr. K. S. Morrison, Mr. A. Murdoch, Mr. D. J. Purves, Mr. T. P. Saunderson, Mr. W. P. Seath, Mr. A. Stevenson, Mr. W. A. Stewart, Mr. R. O. Sutherland and Mr. F. D. Wilson.

Ladies' Cloak Room Committee:—Dr. John Morrison (Convenor), Mr. R. Macgregor and Dr. M. Nicolson.

Supper and Wine Committee:—Mr. J. M. Jack (Convenor), Mr. T. L. Christie, Mr. E. L. Hosie, Mr. F. M. Crawford, Mr. W. Ironside, Mr. A. W. E. Davidson, Mr. W. Johnston, Mr. J. Dickson, Mr. W. Kuy, Mr. F. Edwards, Mr. W. Lawson, Mr. W. N. Fleming, Mr. J. Murray, Mr. J. C. Fletcher, Mr. W. Macfarlane, Mr. J. Fraser, Mr. G. McLeod, Mr. J. W. Henderson, Mr. D. Thompson, Mr. F. Syme Thomson, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. L. M. Whyte and Mr. A. Wylie.

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Card Room Committee:—Mr. B. Wylie, (Convenor) and Mr. G. M. Shaw.

Honorary Pipers:—Mr. P. D. Wilson, Mr. G. S. Brown and Mr. G. Nisbet.

Cenotaph Ceremony.

There was a simple ceremony at the Cenotaph yesterday morning when Mr. D. Templeton, Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society, laid at the base of the monument a wreath, which took the form of a St. Andrew's cross set in a circular frame of white flowers.

Others present at the Cenotaph were Mr. A. K. Henderson, Vice-President; Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. E. M. Bryden, joint Hon. Secretaries; and Messrs. G. M. Shaw, R. Sutherland, B. Wylie, K. E. Greig, Mr. P. Tod, H. M. McTavish, W. A. Stuart, J. D. Kinnaird and H. L. Carson.

Telegrams Received.

Telegrams received and read were as follows:—

"Heartiest greetings from brother Scots."—Bangkok, Ipoh, Kobe, Calcutta, Rangoon, Cebu, Sandakan, Shameen, Penang, Seremban, Singapore, Ilolo, Yokohama, Tokyo, Malacca.

"Amy.—Lang may ye flourish."

"Zamboanga.—Greetings may rafters dire."

"Manila.—Heartiest greetings tae one and a'!"

"Peking.—St. Andrew's Society send cordial greetings Brither Scots."

"Tientsin.—Lang may yer lums reek."

"Soerabaya.—Greetings," Murray and Ross.

"Shanghai.—Scotland for ever."

"W. Nicholson.—Here tae ye."

"Dr. Black.—Greetings."

"J. Reid.—Hearty greetings."

"A. O. Lang.—Hearty good wishes."

"McCubbin and Kinnaird.—Hearty greetings Brother Scots."

"Lord Elbink.—Brother Scots s/a 'Moren' Greetings."

"Sneddon.—A' Brither Scots send hearty greetings Scotland for ever."

"Dyer.—"A good St. Andrew's day to you David."

"Carmichael Worthing.—Greetings from Brother Scots, Worthing."

"Batavia.—Greetings frae Brither Scots."

"Foochow.—Brither Scots at Foochow heartily reciprocate greetings."

"Hong Kong Greetings."

Telegrams were sent to the following ports:—"Here's a haun frae Hong Kong Brither Scots" Templeton Chieftain.

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## CINEMA NOTES.

"THE SHOW" AT THE QUEEN'S TO-DAY.

## A STRANGE ROMANCE.

John Gilbert and Renée Adoree, the stars of "The Big Parade," are together for the first time since that picture, in "The Show," the sectional romance of Budapest, which comes to the Queen's Theatre to-day as the feature attraction until Saturday.

These two famous stars play the central characters in a strange romance laid in a mysterious side-show on the outskirts of the "invisible city"—a sideshow of illusions, magician's tricks and strange grotesques, with a "decapitation" illusion in which Gilbert has his head cut off in a "Salome" act.

The settings, including the grotesque sideshows, with their floating living, heads, mermaids, "spider women" and other startling illusions, are realistic in the extreme. Whole blocks of reproductions of quaint Budapest streets are also presented.

Gilbert plays a handsome tough who has a job in the side-show and Miss Adoree a Salome dancer in the production. Lionel Barrymore is seen as "The Greek," a sinister gang leader, and Edward Connolly as the old blind man who eventually brings about an astounding climax.

## HOOT GIBSON FILM.

Hoot Gibson essays a new role in his latest Western comedy, "A Hero on Horseback," which will be the feature attraction at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday. Although he still retains his familiar garb of the land of savants, cattle and cowboys, Hoot discards his bucking bronco for a swivel chair and a mahogany desk and becomes a banker.

However, there is more than a Western touch to the picture which embodies light comedy interspersed with thrills, suspense and human interest, the intrepid Gibson riding the crest of every scene and situation with his winning personality.

Ethlynne Clair plays the leading feminine role opposite Hoot, while the venerable Dan Mason assists the star in lending laughs to the picture. "A Hero on Horseback" is a screen version of Peter B. Kyne's popular story, "Bread Upon the Waters."

## DANCING MOTHERS.

The new picture at the Star Theatre to-day is "Dancing Mothers." According to the story, one night, while dancing with her youthful fiance, Kenneth Cob, Kittens Westcourt started to flirt with Jerry Naughton, an understanding bachelor. Of course Kenneth became irritated, and the more she continued. In despair, Kenneth appealed to Mrs. Westcourt for help, and she set out to checkmate the persistent bachelor. But on meeting him, she too, fell deeply in love, and he with her. What happened? Did the daughter just resign or did she stay to contest her mother? How did the father take it? Did he try to bring his family together? "Dancing Mothers" is an adaptation of the stage success of the same name. Conway Tearle, Alice Joyce and Clara Bow are starred as the bachelor, the mother, and the daughter, respectively.

## Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL".

## Entertainments.

To-day—Theatre Royal; "The Quaints" present their successful musical comedy "The Blue Train," 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Show."

To-day—World Theatre; "A Hero on Horseback."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Dancing Mothers."

December 4-5—Queen's Theatre; "The Flaming Forest."

December 4-5—World Theatre; "The Kalmaker."

December 4-6—Star Theatre; "Wet Paint."

December 5—Royal Engineers' Dance.

December 5—Demonstration at Helena May Institute on "Japanese Flower Placing," 5.30 p.m.

December 6-7—Queen's Theatre; "Alias the Deacon."

December 6-7—World Theatre; "The Black Pirate."

December 6-7—Star Theatre; "Manhandled."

December 8-10—Queen's Theatre; "Don Juan."

December 8-10—World Theatre; "For Heaven's Sake."

December 8-10—Star Theatre; "Oh! What a Nurse."

December 9—At Theatre Royal opening performance of "Merrie England," 9 p.m.

December 10—Dance at the Peak Club with Lyric Band in attendance, 9.15 p.m.

## Sports.

December 3—Theatre Royal;

Second Tournament of the Hong Kong Boxing Assocn., 1.15 p.m.

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Political vultures from all parts of China are casting covetous eyes on Canton, rival forces being at work to prevent hostile factions getting into power or approaching too near.

There are indications that help will be forthcoming for the Kwangsi Party in their attempt, if sustained, to recover control of the Canton Government from the Ironsides.

Military complications may affect the whole situation in the east of Kwangtung and several armies may soon threaten Swatow again.

The General in command at Kowloon has declared his independence of Canton.

The Diplomatic Corps in Peking have held more than one meeting recently to discuss piracy, but no announcement has been made so far regarding the contemplated steps. It is understood that the Ministers are still awaiting instructions from their respective Governments.

Full reports of the interport cricket matches are given in this week's "Overland China Mail."

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Barcelona, Nov. 14.—A Catalan group has signed a \$2,650,000 contract with an American group for dam construction on the River Tagus near Toledo.

New York, Nov. 16.—Bandits took Quilpam City, burnt down public edifices and plundered and cut down inhabitants. Government troops later chased off the bandits, killing 40.

Rangoon, Nov. 14.—The death has occurred of Mr. Francis James Loughlin, who recently arrived here from Calcutta to take up the position of Postmaster at the Rangoon General Post Office.

Berlin.—Max Gruehl, leader of the German Ethiopean Expedition, states that a German firm of contractors are already negotiating with Great Britain to build a dam at Lake Tana, and will afterwards negotiate with Abyssinia.

The Honourable Dr. A. L. Hoops, P.C.M.O., Straits Settlements, is going to Calcutta with other Malayan delegates for the seventh Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Medicine, sitting from December 6 to 11, and will then proceed Home on leave.

London, Nov. 9.—Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons that £2,765,000 was received for the betting tax during the year ended October 31 last. The amount received from greyhound racing was "inconceivably small."

An officer on the staff of Gen. Pei Chung-hsi, the Shanghai Chinese Defence Commissioner, has tendered a verbal apology to the Japanese Consulate in connection with the firing on the N.K.K. "Woo-sung Maru" by the Woosung Forts, together with an assurance that such incidents will not be repeated.

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Penang, Nov. 23.—An explosion occurred on a tongkong loaded with drums of benzine in Penang harbour. The crew cut the tongkong adrift and it floated towards the roads—a-blazing mass which constituted a great danger to the shipping in the harbour. Fortunately the tongkong changed its course and ran on to a sandbank. Eight of the crew have been admitted to hospital. The cause of the outbreak is a mystery. The damage amounts to \$10,000.

Penang, Nov. 23.—A Japanese oil-engined fishing boat, the "Kai-ko Maru," picked up a bottle in the sea off Langkawi, sixty miles northwest of Penang, containing a message which reads: "This bottle was thrown overboard by Squadron Leader Munday and Flight-Lieut. Foster in the middle of the Indian Ocean and we shall be glad to hear of anybody picking it up. We are on our way as far as Cathay. Have just finished with this bottle. See you at Shanghai aboard H.M.S. 'Argus.'"

The Dutch ex-Consul at Zurich, Mr. Harry Salomon, carried out sensational experiments at Munich under the control of officials of the Bavarian Government Survey, this bars hand reacting to the presence of metals under the soil. No apparatus or dividing rod was used and his nerves reached variously to various metals and minerals. The experiments were completely successful; some minerals being discovered a thousand and more metres underground. Heer Salomon, who has not studied geology, spent from 1908 to 1918 in China, Japan and India.

Rangoon, Nov. 14.—Mrs. Morrison, the wife of Major R. V. Morrison, of the I.M.S. died at the Rangoon General Hospital yesterday.

In 1910 there were 28,792 ricshas in Tokyo and only 96 automobiles. To-day there are about 8,000 ricshas and in the neighbourhood of 13,000 motor cars.

A sale of Work done by the blind will be held in the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mrs. J. R. Wood has kindly consented to open the Sale.

London, Nov. 14.—Sir Basil Blackett has arrived in London. He declined to make any statement before questioning the India Reserve Bank question with the India Office.

The Shanghai Japanese press states that claims for damage are to be made on behalf of the Japanese owners of houses in Chapel in which Nationalist troops have been billeted.

Mr. William P. Hunt has been appointed Agent of the United States Shipping Board Merchant Fleet Corporation at Shanghai. Mr. Hunt was formerly American Vice-Consul at Tientsin, and latterly manager of a commercial firm in Shanghai.

Already there are strong signs of opposition of the new Shanghai Federation of Labour which the Kuomintang is organising. The Chinese papers say that about 600 local labour bodies have threatened to withhold recognition of the Federation.

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Kagoshima, Nov. 20.—About twenty Chinese students at Kagoshima vainly demanded an interview with General Tang Seng-chi yesterday. Seeing General Tang's secretary, they presented a resolution characterising the General as an enemy of China.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—At last night's banquet at Vienna, the Reichs Chancellor invited the Austrian Chancellor to visit Berlin. President Hainisch decorated the Reichs Chancellor, the Reichs Foreign Minister and several members of their suite with the Austrian Order of Honour.

John MacMurray, American Minister to China, who left San Francisco November 11, on the "President Pierce," was expected to reach Yokohama Nov. 29. On arrival at Tokyo, the American Minister is expected to call on the Foreign Office and exchange greetings with high officials, after which he will proceed to Peking.

Mr. W. Schofield had before him at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese junk mistress charged with the possession of 120 pounds of sugar reasonably suspected to have been stolen. An adjournment was given until tomorrow when it was intimated to his Worship that a solicitor had been instructed for the defence.

A coolie employed at the Naval Hospital was yesterday charged before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy with the larceny of 2½ lb. of a garment from the Kowloon Naval Yard, where he had been sent with a gang of others to take delivery of stores for the hospital. The sugar, done up in a small parcel was concealed underneath the accused's hat which rested on a large bag of sugar. The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25, or, in default, one month's hard labour.

The "Berliner Gazette" considers that the fusion of Germany and Austria is not impossible in itself but it is from the constitutional point of view.

London, Nov. 14.—Cape Town: Mr. George Londt, the famous South African mountaineer who was the first to scale Kilimanjaro, fell 60 feet in a Table Mountain gorge and was killed instantly.

Singapore, November 21.—In the Bankruptcy Court, Sir William Murray (Chief Justice) ruled that a person who is examined by the Official Assignee in connection with bankruptcy ought to be allowed by the Court to be represented by counsel.

Rangoon, Nov. 14.—Miss Daw Me Me Khin, the first lady to pass the Rangoon, B. L. Examination, has been appointed Officiating Assistant Registrar of the Rangoon High Court. This is the first time that the post has been offered to a lady.

A marriage has been arranged between William Milnes Millington, of the Malayan Civil Service, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Millington, of Lynn, Cheshire, and Geraldine, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Proece, of 41, Cottenham Park Road, Wimbledon, and of Dunster, Somerset.

London, Nov. 9.—The Girl Guides' special names and designations, from the humble "Brownie" to the eminence of "Tawny Owl," and the designations of Boy Scouts, from the "Wolf Cub" to the "Scout," and their respective badges, are now protected by an Order-in-Council, which has just been published in the "London Gazette."

Calcutta, November 9.—According to the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, the grand total of the gross Indian sea and land Customs revenue (excluding salt revenue) during the month of October, amounted to Rs. 42,000,000, as against Rs. 43,000,000 in the preceding month, and Rs. 42,300,000 in October, 1926.

Commenting on the decision of the Government to develop Ipoh as the capital of Perak, the "Times of Malaya" urges that a suburban road system should be made before buildings are put in hand, to prevent profiteering in land. A sum of \$200,000 has been voted for Ipoh town improvements and our contemporary considers that, in view of the failure of the P.W.D. to "deliver the goods," the Kinta Sanitary Board should secure a works staff of its own.

Ipoh, November 22.—A special meeting of the Central Perak Planters' Association strongly opposed the new restriction rules and passed a resolution that the Planters Association at the meeting at Malacca in December, should firmly dissociate itself from the application of the new rules on the score that the industry had not been consulted. A resolution was also passed to question the representative character of the Central Restriction Committee.

London, Nov. 14.—Jerusalem: A message from Mecca states that a Council for Good Minerals has been established by Ibn Sa'ud to enforce the Government edict that the population shall not trim or shave their beards, and must either clean-shave the head, or else leave their hair entirely uncut. Anyway, European styles must be avoided. It is also forbidden to wear gold ornaments or silken clothes. Ibn Sa'ud has abolished the right to, and use of, titles and decorations awarded by Ibna'l Husin.

The death occurred suddenly at Johore Bahru on November 20 of Mr. Thomas Dunk Bush, Financial Assistant, Public Works Department, Johore Bahru. Mr. Bush, who was only 42 years of age, had been for 14 years in the Government service, in which, says the "Straits Times," he was regarded as a most capable officer. He was apparently in his usual health on November 18, and it is understood that death was due to food poisoning.

What is called the "grand scheme" for permanently ending the siltting of the Hail Ho River at Tientsin, and a temporary scheme which will serve this purpose while the more elaborate work is being carried out are contained in a report submitted by a body of experts to the minister of the interior and subsequently submitted by him to the generalissimo with the strong recommendation that immediate steps be taken to put at least the palliative measures into effect at once.

After a lull for weeks, a number of Shanghai cotton mills have reopened. Mill owners decided to resume work following the settlement of the Wing On case. The seven agitators who instigated the strike in the Wing On mill were sentenced by the Provisional Court to 10 months' imprisonment each. Agitators are still trying to prolong the deadlock between mill owners and workers. Recently a dozen intimidators appeared outside the Woosung Mill with pistols and fired several shots at the mill gates as a warning to the workers but the mill was opened.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

## SPORTS

## F. A. CUP REPLAYS.

EIGHT MATCHES DECIDED YESTERDAY.

## BUTON'S NINE GOALS.

London, Yesterday. Results of matches played yesterday in the first round of the competition proper of the Football Association Cup (home team given first) are as follows: Watford 1, Brighton 2; Luton 9, Clapton 0; Bowtell Mission 3, Peterborough 4; Aldershot 2, Queen's Park Rangers 1; Charlton 2, Merthyr 1; Bournemouth 2, Coventry 0; Wrexham 4, Durham 0; Ashton 0, Crewe 2.

—Reuter.  
\* postponed from or abandoned last Saturday.

## PROSPECTS FOR DECEMBER 12.

[Note: Two more ties need be decided to complete the first round.

Brighton visit Northampton in the 2nd round on December 12; Luton receive either Poole or Norwich; Peterborough are at home to Aldershot.

After playing in a goalless draw at Merthyr last Saturday, Charlton will be on their own ground against Kettering in the next round. At Coventry on Saturday, Bournemouth shared four goals; now they will receive Bristol Rovers. Durham drew 1-1 with Wrexham but have now lost (playing away) by 0-4; the winners, Wrexham, will be at home to Carlisle. On their own ground last Saturday, Crewe could manage only 2-all; on strange ground, they won 2-0 and will receive Stockport in the 2nd round.]

## RESULT OF INTERPORT TRIAL GAME.

Another Interport Trial game was played on the H.K.C. ground yesterday, the Scots Guards playing a selected side.

The game ended in a win for the selected side by six goals to two.

The game was well contested, the Guards having their share of the game in the open, but their forwards failed in front of goal.

There will be no trial game next week.

## CRICKET.

## R.A.F. v. DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL

The R.A.F. played a return match with the School at Happy Valley yesterday and took their revenge in winning by 10 runs. For the R.A.F. French took 4 wickets for 21 runs and Grist took 5 for 25.

A. T. Lee was the only boy who got going with the bat and he knocked up a meritorious 44. The R.A.F. score would have been much larger but for the excellent fielding of the school.

## R.A.F.

Rou, b. A. T. Lee ..... 2  
Morin, b. Anderson ..... 9  
Sinnock, c. Kwan, b. R. Lee ..... 12  
Grist, c. Fisher, b. R. Lee ..... 20  
Dudman, run out ..... 6  
Welsh, b. Anderson ..... 1  
Walker, b. Anderson ..... 5  
Plunkett, st. Fisher, b. Anderson ..... 17  
French, c. G. Lee, b. Kwan ..... 5  
Rowe, not out ..... 5  
Extras ..... 6

Total ..... 77

## Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.  
A. T. Lee ..... 9 1 24 1  
Anderson ..... 4 2 3 19 4  
R. Lee ..... 3 1 2 5 5  
Kwan ..... 7 1 24 1

## Diocesan Boys' School.

D. J. N. Anderson, b. French ..... 4  
W. H. Kwan, b. French ..... 4  
J. L. Young Saye, b.b.w., b. French ..... 0

F. R. Zinnock, b. French ..... 0  
A. T. Lee, b. Grist ..... 0  
P. K. Lee, b. French ..... 0

A. S. A. Ryum, b. Grist ..... 0  
J. A. Fisher, b. Sinnock ..... 0  
R. Lee, b. Grist ..... 6  
A. Prata, not out ..... 0  
G. A. Lee, b. Grist ..... 1  
Extras ..... 1

Total ..... 67

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## CIVIL SERVICE C.C. TEAMS.

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. in their matches on Saturday next:

1st XI v. Royal Air Force, on C.S.C.C. ground, at 2 p.m.—G. R. Sayer (Captain), A. E. Wood, E. B. Reed, B. D. Evans, F. J. de Rome, E. W. Hamilton, T. D. E. Pendered, F. J. Ling, B. C. K. Hawkins, H. E. Strange, F. H. Holdman.

2nd XI v. H.K. Police on Police ground, at 2 p.m.—H. F. Harper (Captain), R. S. W. Paterson, R. R. Davies, W. F. J. Gorvin, A. W. Grinnell, F. H. W. Haynes, R. G. Robertson, V. H. Chittenden, A. R. Sutherland, C. Sara, P. O. Neill.

## HONG KONG ELECTRIC v. "CHINA LIGHT."

This friendly match takes place at King's Park on Saturday.

Electric, R.C.—H. F. Akhurst, M. H. Arnold, S. J. Clarke, L. de Rome, T. L. Foster, C. E. Gahan, H. S. Jones, W. N. H. Murdoch, S. J. Stanesby, G. Vickers and J. R. Way (captain).

## YACHTING.

## INTERNATIONAL RACE ON SUNDAY.

The annual sailing match between the members of the St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies takes place at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Sunday. Teams of six a-side have been selected, and the match will be sailed in boats of the Heyward Hays, Gael and One Design Classes.

The morning race is at 10 o'clock, preparatory gun at 10.55. The teams change boats for the afternoon race, which will start about 2.30.

The President of St. Andrew's Society and the President of the St. George's Society will lead their respective sides.

A bowing match between the two Societies will be played on the Yacht Club green starting at 2.45 p.m. Three rinks have been arranged. There will be a practice game in the morning at 11.30.

Tiffin will be served at the Club house at 1 o'clock for both yachtsmen and bowlers, and other members or subscribers wishing to be present should notify the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. J. Vernal, of the P.W.D. (Tel. 4532) or Ah Mow at the Club House not later than Friday evening.

## PING PONG.

## CHINESE ATHLETIC WIN CHAMPIONSHIP.

All matches of the Ping Pong League have now been played off, the Chinese Athletic winning the Championship with an unbeaten record.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. are runners-up, having lost only to the League champions.

The South China, not having played the last of their matches, have forfeited the third place which now goes to the Hop Ying Club of Kowloon.

The positions in the League are as follows:

P. W. L. D. Pts.
Chinese Ath. .... 10 0 0 20
Chinese Y.M.C.A. .... 10 9 1 18
Hop Ying Club .... 10 7 3 14
University .... 10 6 3 13
South China .... 10 6 4 0 12
Tutorial .... 10 4 5 1 9
St. Peter's .... 10 4 6 0 8
Catholic Y.M.S. .... 10 4 6 0 8
St. Louis .... 10 2 8 0 4
Chinese Y.M.C.A. Members' Tourney.

A Ping Pong singles tournament is now open for senior members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. A silver cup, which must be won three times before becoming the property of the holder, has been presented to the Association by one of its members. Entries close on December 10.

## CHESS.

## HONG KONG TO PLAY MANILA BY RADIO.

Through the courtesy of a local radio enthusiast, it has been possible to arrange a match with Manila which will be played this evening, between representatives of the Philippines Chess Association and the Kowloon Chess Club.

M. C. M. Sequira, the Colony's champion, will play for the Kowloon Chess Club, and his opponent will be Mr. Adolfo Gutierrez, of Manila.

Officials of the Kowloon Chess Club will be present and a record will be kept of the match.

## BOXING.

## K.O.S.B. TOURNAMENT ON FRIDAY.

A Regimental Boxing Tournament will be held at Murray Barracks at 8 p.m. to-morrow by the K.O.S.B.

There will be 17 fights each of three rounds and some interesting boxing is expected.

Admission will be at the Main Gate in Queen's Road and the upper gate in Garden Road and the prices of seats will be \$1.50 cents and 20 cents.

## HOCKEY.

## NAVY DEFEATED THE CLUB.

A fast and well contested hockey match resulted at the Royal Naval ground, King's Park, yesterday, when a Navy team met a Club team and defeated them by two goals to one. The sailors secured the lead in the first half and maintained it to the interval. They added a second on resuming while the Club only managed to secure one.

## GOLF.

The Adamson Cup competition played at Happy Valley in November, resulted in a tie between A. Goldenberg 89—16—73 and A. E. Clarke 97—24—73. Both qualify for the match play stages. Others scores were:

W. McKay ..... 95—18—77  
A. J. W. Dorling ..... 101—20—81  
W. H. Edmonds ..... 100—18—82  
W. Kent ..... 106—21—85

## "ROSE" DAY.

## RESPONSE TO APPEAL FOR RELIEF WORK.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Few escaped the vigilant eyes of the sellers of roses to-day on the occasion of the annual effort under the auspices of St. Vincent de Paul for the Poor of Hong Kong. For the second time since the inauguration of this annual "drive" for funds, Chinese ladies assisted in the sale of roses, and the enthusiasm which they and other helpers brought to the cause was most gratifying to the organiser.

The efficient arrangements, aided by an ideal day and the ready response of the public, should ensure a satisfactory financial result.

A very business-like system of direction and accounting centred in the Hotel Savoy, where Chev.

J. M. Alves was in charge. Here,

a constant stream of workers with "empties" was attended to and,

after having partaken of hospitality provided by Mr. Alves, they were despatched to carry on the campaign with renewed vigour.

## The Helpers.

The following were the rose sellers according to a list made up to noon, there being then many more collection boxes to come in:

Mrs. Todd; Mrs. Chubb; Mrs. Darby; Mrs. Sibley; Mrs. Hargrave; Mrs. Brown; Mrs. Richards; Miss Betty Richard; Miss Wells; Miss Thornhill; Mrs. C. D. Marcel; Mrs. E. Brown; Mrs. O. Ballantyne; Mrs. J. H. Brister; Mrs. L. Mance; Mrs. S. H. Langston; Mrs. Benson; Miss Weill; Mrs. Scott; Mrs. Brunot; Miss Wallington; Madame G. D. de la Prade; Mrs. Lawless; Mrs. K.; Mrs. Kerri; Mrs. J. G. Ozorio; Misses Alice Roza, Aida Alves, Vera Hyndman, Stella Hyndman, Marie Hyndman; Betty Alves; Carrie Alves, Frances Schroeter; Misses V. Grossan; J. Hayes; G. Allen; V. Allen; F. Reynolds; Miss Tse; Miss Choa; Miss G. Choa; Misses Audrey Steele; M. Addison; G. Addison; T. Fullbrook; E. Johnson; L. Chue; E. Sprinkle; D. Smith; C. Grimmitt; R. Perry; L. Elias; R. Pau; S. Silva; E. Carroll; T. Frith; P. Chua; L. Chua; N. Zimmern; G. Johnson; R. Russell; R. Santos; D. Ellis; H. Grimmitt; A. Chue; S. Sprinkle; Walker; T. McAinch; Gertie Bowen; Stella Xavier; Mathilde Pank; Mary Fisher; Nellie Bowen; Violet Mak; Lily Leung; Pansy Lam; Rose Yew; Li Lin-ying; Tsang; Yick-hing; Hou Ching-pui; Chan; Yan-hing; Tseng Yok-kau; Tsang; Yok-kuen; Tam Yam-chau; Tam; Yok-sim; Leung Yam-kam; fung; Yok-chau; Irene Williams; Ida Roza; Grace Roza; Agnes Leungs; Elfrida Barros; Beatrice Barros; Cecilia Botelho; Olga Botelho; Tilly Pereira; Maria Pia; Gutierrez; Mrs. Hilda Gutierrez; Mrs. Mary Chester Gill; Pureza d'Eca; Alice Remedios; Elsa Ribeiro; Betty Ribeiro; Betty Brewer; Cynthia Gracia; Olga Eca da Silva; Bella Festoni; Jeremina Pereira; Olga Ribeiro; Carmen Pereira; Beatrice Soares; Irene Jan; Noeckel Royalance; Ida Eca da Silva; Joaquin Ferlandes; May Marrott; Etselvina Ribeiro; Maggie Xavier; Kathleen Maxwell; Norah Gill; Violet Wong; Lucy Li; Yat-choi; Agnes Li; Yat-choi; Mary Li; Yat-choi; Angelina Xavier; Kathleen Tui; Annie Chau; Mary Tui; Lily Ackber; Lillian Wong; Daisy Wong; Susan Ackber; Edith Ozorio; Maria Arco; Phillip Chan; Mabel Isaac; Lucy Chan; Violet Charington; Molly Young; Rosalie Young; R. Xavier; Asteria Gutierrez; Alice Gutierrez; E. Kinola; Bertha Kinola; Cynthia Alves; Ena Alves; Tutti Norona; Gloria d'Almada; H. Heito; Eva Abagao; Rose Murphy; Esther Lee; Amelia Ozorio; Anna Ozorio; Olaida Remedios; Lucy Jorge; Carmelita Britto; Yolanda Britto; Carmen da Roza; Betty Sousa; Maria Pires-rodrigo; Eliza Joaquinho; Dorothy Norona; Mercedes da Roza; Helena Souza; Eliza Fernandes; Leonora Nunes; Master Pun Chun; Yuen; Wan-lun; Chan; Fook-chor; Chun Fuk-chol; Lam; Yu-wa; A. Shau; Law Chok-sum; Tam-Chun; Hing; Bam; Ping-chong; Ho; Kaf-chu; Lam; Wai-yuen; Char; Hing-chow; Lam; Mai-hing; Lai; Shu; Kwo; Wing-yue; Kan; King-chuen; Lui; Kai-hong; Chu; Pak-tung; Luk; Shui-fun; Tao; Kwok-fai; Wong; Shun-tak; Law; Tack-man; Masters; T. Hargreaves; L. Cressan; C. Sorby; R. Hill; H. Tolly; Masters; Yau; Koon-foon; Fook; Foo-ko; Wong; Wai-lun; Kwoi; Sik-kwan; Yeo; Chiu-houng; Mak; Ping-kwan; Yam; Chau-wong; Shum; Chek-kwong; Shu; Wah-kong; Ng; Boo-sang; Misses Lina Norona; Ada Norona; Regina Ribeiro; Ignaz Remelius.

Amount collected up to the time of going to press is \$4,100. Many boxes have yet to be brought in.

The counting of the money was undertaken by a sub-committee consisting of Miss Louiseiro and Messrs. J. M. Graça, D. A. Rozario, Fred Xavier; B. Young; Li Yat-choi; A. J. Raptis and E. Alves.

## MORPHIA "DEAL?"

(Continued from Page 1.)

Haynes added that Christie then took hold of a hat and imitated Bottomley drawing his liberty bonds. He then asked the witness for Au's address, but he said that Au had told him he could always be found at his Club. After more conversation, Christie said "I will make a first class graft of you yet." The whole art depends on knowing where to stop."

On the Tuesday afternoon, the witness returned from the College and found a sealed letter in his room. It was in Christie's handwriting. He (witness) communicated with the police and handed the letter over to Sergeant Baker, and on the latter's instructions he went to Kowloon alone. He went by bus and found No. 460 shut up. Then it occurred to him that it was "feeding time" and went the rounds of the restaurants in Nathan Road in search for Christie. He found Blum in the Bombay Cafeteria and together they went to Victoria Gardens where they found Christie.

"Trust Jimmie."

The witness then told Christie that he had had a very straightforward chat with Au but he was not a fool. He (Au) said that not even a prince would require \$1,000 for a week's trip to Shanghai. Au wanted the cargo and was prepared to pay Blum's expenses, but he considered that \$300 was ample.

He had agreed on that figure if Christie would accept. Christie said "Bring him right along, and if he has another \$100 in his waistcoat pocket trust Jimmie to get it out him. Then he (witness) went home and reported in writing to the police.

By Mr. King: Karni Din was not there on the day of the accused's arrest. There were only the two accused and Portuguese girl who was the typist. She was told to go and have her tiffin.

In accordance with an agreement with the police, who were to come to the house at 12.15, a quarter of an hour after the witness and Au entered the house, the witness wrote a chit as follows "He (Au) has only \$300 so don't waste time." He handed this chit to Christie immediately on entering and after reading it Christie nodded. The witness then said to Christie that Au was prepared to do business but would only part with \$300 and asked Christie if he would accept it. Christie agreed. Then there was the question of a receipt. Christie wrote out a draft and asked the witness to type it. Then Au asked him (Haynes) to sign the receipt as a witness. Then the witness said "What about a stamp?" and Christie wanted to send Blum out to buy one, but realising that that would spoil the plans of the police who were due in two minutes, the witness said "maskees," whereupon Christie handed over five coppers for Au to buy a stamp later. After this there was the sound of cars stopping outside, and Au taking three \$100 notes from his pocket handed them to the witness who in turn handed them to Christie. Simultaneously there came

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Mr. A. E. W. Mason, the novelist, responding to the toast of "Literature and the Press," at the thirty-third annual dinner of the Readers' Pensions Committee at the Holborn Restaurant, said there really was no dividing line between the two in the present time, and he doubted if there ever was such a division.

Addison, Steele, Swift, and others all wrote in periodicals before those writings appeared with in the covers of a book. There was supposed to be a certain permanency in real literature, but who was to lay down the law about permanency?

"The idol of one generation is the derrick of the next and may be the idol of the third generation. I think it is interesting to speculate whether the man scribbling histories of pirates and criminals and dropping in between books like 'Robinson Crusoe' and the 'Plague of London,' realised that he was going to live among immortals. I am pretty sure Defoe did not care."

"They are trying to make their literature 'new' as well, and cut it off entirely from Europe. Not even the Declaration of Independence could do that. They even say their literature must be autochthonic. When I heard that I looked up the word to see if it had been made in Kansas, but I found it came from the Greek and meant 'springing from the native soil.' No literature has ever been entirely free from the influence of other countries. You cannot produce a branch without the parent tree, and if it had not been for the influence of the classics and so on, there could not have been an American literature."

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**"AUTOCHTHONIC."****AMERICA'S CRAZE FOR NEWNESS.****VIEW OF MR. NOYES.**

Mr. Alfred Noyes, the poet and author, who has already been four times across the Atlantic, has left London for another lecture tour in Canada and the United States. He was accompanied by his wife, whom he married only two weeks ago. The lectures will be on "The Bond of Literary Union." At Waterloo, before he left, he talked of America and the Americans, a country and a people he knows intimately.

"Americans are awfully kind," he said, "but they suffer from a illusion that theirs is a new country and they are always insisting on its newness. For instance, I was walking over the Sussex Downs with an American the other day, when he noticed a barn with a pretty mellow coloured roof. 'Ah!' he said, 'what a fine old barn. That is the kind of thing we haven't got in our country.' 'Why not?' I asked. 'Because it is too young,' he said. I saw that barn built. It is only about fifteen years' old."

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**BOOK GOSSIP.****"QUEX" WRITES OF NEW YORK LIFE.**

Few men can have had more varied opportunities for studying life in great cities than "Quex" of the "Evening News." His comments on men and manners interest and amuse thousands of readers every night, and we suspect that his "Who Told You That?" feature is responsible for most of the next-day luncheon anecdotes inflicted upon us. Recently "Quex" visited every one and everything worth visiting in New York, and he has recorded his impressions of American social and business life, politics, horse shows, night clubs, and a host of other things in "New York, by Quex," which Messrs. Stanley Paul will publish in the early autumn.

The opening of the 226th Annual Commencement Week at Yale was marked by the production of Shakespeare's "Coriolanus" in the new Harkness University Theatre. "Record" is lacking of any production of "Coriolanus" since 1811. "Record" is a special to the "New York Times" of 18th June, "when Mrs. Siddons, in her last year on the stage, headed a company which played it in Covent Garden London." In connection with the above, it is interesting to note that Dr. Horace Howard Furness, Junr., has just completed five years of continuous labour on "Coriolanus." This, the latest volume in the New Variorum Edition, begun by the famous Shakespearean scholar, the late Horace Howard Furness, and continued by his son, now numbers 20 volumes, including two volumes of "Hamlet."

On October 18 Messrs. Allen & Unwin published the long-awaited detailed biography of Bismarck, by Emil Ludwig. "Bismarck: Story of a Fighter" is uniform with Ludwig's famous "Napoleon," and the price is 21s. net.

The first to appear of the four new volumes in the Whitehall Series, promised by Messrs. Putnam this autumn, is "The Treasury," of which the author is Sir Thomas Little Heath, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., F.R.S. As in the case of the previous volumes in this series of Popular Handbooks, the author gives first and foremost a plain description of what his Department is, and what it does, its place in the British system, and its relations to the other public departments and to the Civil Service. Sir Thomas was Joint Permanent Secretary to the Treasury, 1913-1919, and has been Comptroller-General of the National Debt Office since that date.

"Profits and the Pen," by Hugh Tufte, 3s. 6d. net, issued by the Gregg Publishing Co., Ltd., is a helpful, thoughtful and stimulating treatise, invaluable to the professional journalist, the free lance and all who wish to acquire the art of writing for the press successfully. The book is full of interest, which is sustained throughout every chapter each of which reads with the interest of a novel.

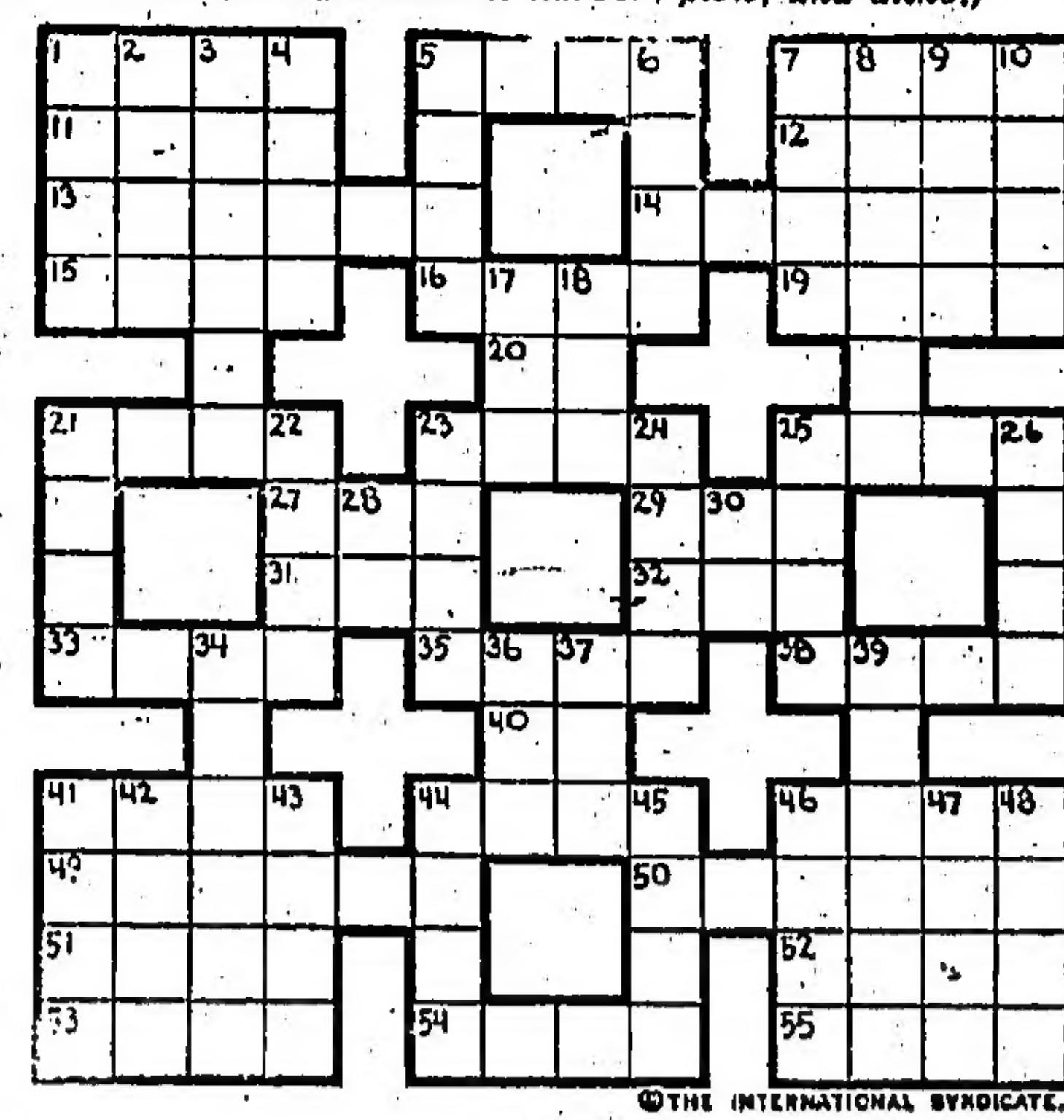
"Murugan—The Tiller," by K. S. Venkataramani, is the latest book from the pen of the well-known author of "On the Sand Dune," and "Paper Boats." Simpkin, Marshall have just published the book at 7s. 6d. net. It will give the English reader a better insight into the Hindu mind, and a better appreciation of the Indian social point of view.

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Cassell's have just published "Life, Journalism and Politics," by J. A. Spender, in two volumes, at 42s. net the set. The book is rich in varied interest. It is informed by an intimate knowledge of the currents of thought in political

**DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.**

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL (Cont.)  
 1-What is the sound made by a clock?  
 5-A number (Latin)  
 7-Proceedings  
 11-British peninsula and seaport in S. Arabia  
 12-Morse  
 13-Almee  
 14-Who was the greatest tenor of recent years?  
 15-Combining form Far  
 16-What jovial friar was the associate of Robin Hood?  
 19-Inquiries  
 20-Point of the compass (abbr.)  
 21-Crooked  
 23-Who was the third son of Adam?  
 25-To soak through, as porridge  
 27-Be removed  
 29-A high mountain  
 31-To open (poet.)  
 32-Etruscan household god  
 33-A wharf  
 34-To decline gradually  
 35-Possessive pronoun  
 41-Worthless leavings  
 44-Consumes  
 46-Lashed  
 48-Gestures  
 50-What is the chief river of Australia?  
 51-Town opposite Windsor, on the Thames, England!  
 52-River in N. France  
 53-Reverberated  
 55-A river in N. W. Belgium  
 56-A river in N. W. Belgium  
 57-Clashed hand  
 58-Large mass of stone  
 59-A joint of the human leg  
 60-The clenched hand  
 61-Someone who has been shipwrecked and lived on a desert island?  
 62-Long, pointed tooth  
 63-Interjection  
 64-Quoth prophet  
 65-Name of Robin Hood's mother  
 66-Name of the Southern States of the U.S.  
 67-Intermission  
 68-In no manner  
 69-What Egyptian god was the husband of the goddess Isis?  
 70-A Hebrew measure  
 71-A roll of names  
 72-Sounds  
 73-Terminates  
 74-Blacken with soot or smoke  
 75-What city was the scene of Homer's Iliad?  
 76-Comfort  
 77-One who dyes

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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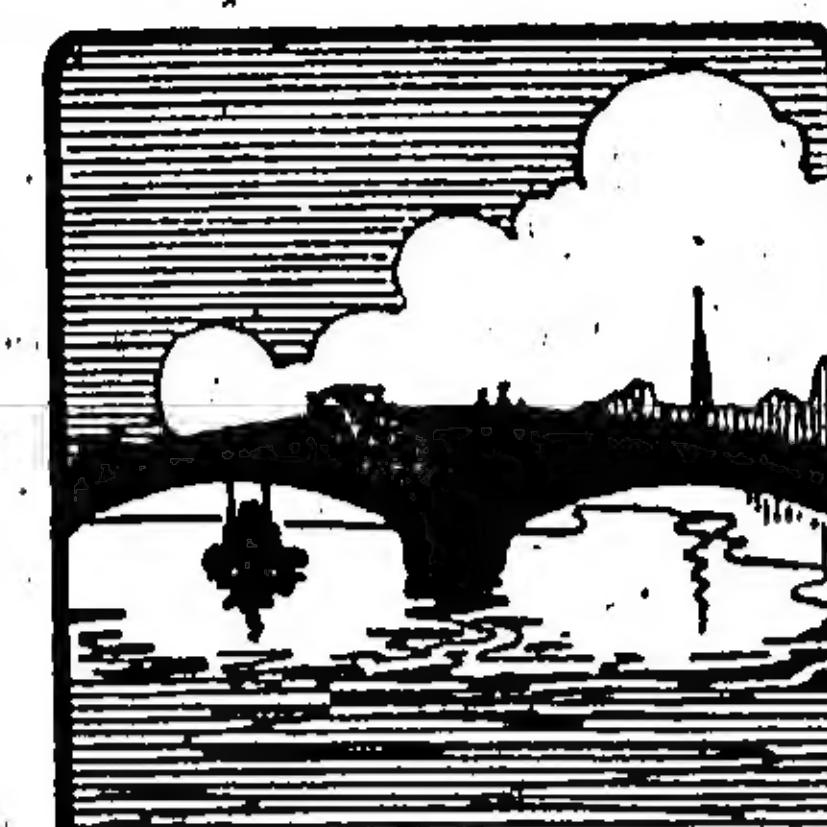
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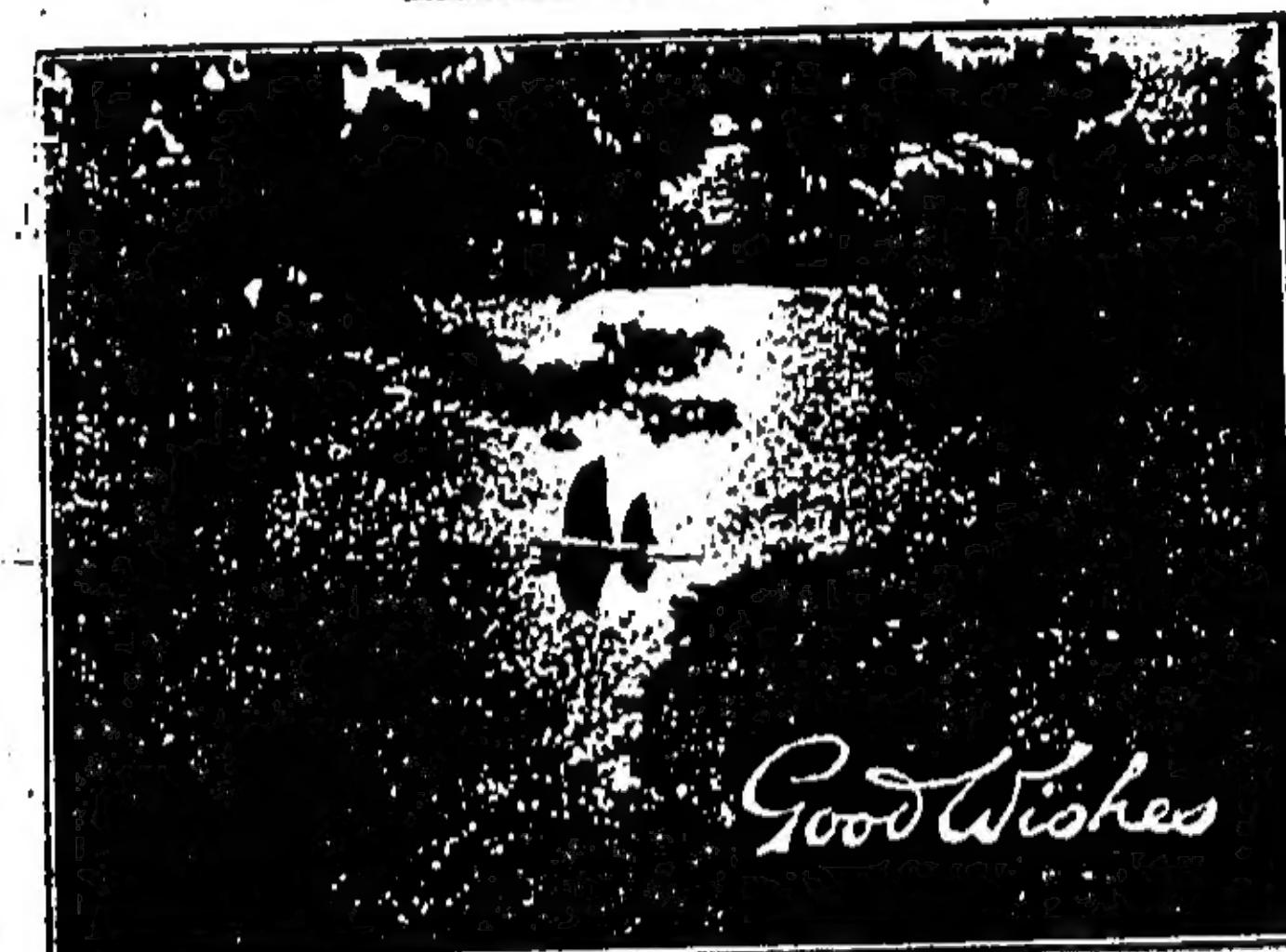


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Basil Mathews writes in "Overseas":—

At Lausanne in August a brown, athletically built Indian, whose black hair, clear eye and vigorous speech bore all the marks of youth, challenged Archbishops and Bishops, Metropolitans and Moderators, to take strong decisive steps towards unity.

This man, Dr. Vedanayakam Samuel Azariah, the first Indian ever to be raised to a Protestant bishopric, is the grandson of a Hindu merchant. His father, becoming a Christian, was ordained a clergyman and worked for the Church Missionary Society. Bishop Azariah blends the energy, critical spirit and sturdy judgment of his business forebears with a strong vein of mysticism and a social enthusiasm for the oppressed and outcaste.

A graduate of Madras University, he won his spurs young as Secretary of the Student Christian Movement in India, and as Secretary of the National Y.M.C.A. there. Wide travel and meeting with people of many and varied types broadened and strengthened his experiences.

First he went to Japan, to represent India at the World Conference of the Student Christian Movement, and then west and north to the World Missionary Conference at Edinburgh, where the writer first fell under the spell of his reasoned and convincing power of speech.

In the next year, the step that then seemed so sensational took place. He was consecrated Bishop of Dornakal. Many prophets of disaster shook their heads in pessimistic warning: "An Indian cannot administer a diocese"; "White men and clergy will not work under him." The amazing triumphs of the next few years routed these Jeremiahs of ecclesiastical inter-racial woe.

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In the years between then and now, the Christians in his diocese have risen from 50,000 to between 150,000 and 200,000, with to-day 10,000 new converts on the average coming in each year. An enthusiast for education, Bishop Azariah has secured in that period the training of over 1,600 Indian teachers. No less than ninety despised outcastes have been trained, equipped and ordained for the ministry. European missionaries entirely controlled the pastoral work in those days. To-day Indian priests preside over parish and district councils, leading up to a diocesan council, over which Bishop Azariah himself is chairman.

His greatest achievement lies in the miracles worked among the despised outcastes. He has himself demonstrated the baseness of the sweeping critical generalisations often made against Christian servants in India. The remarkably changed attitude of the Sudras, the caste people, for whom the outcastes work as agricultural labourers, is a clear evidence of this kind. Dr. Azariah says:

The most unqualified tributes to the power of the Gospel have come to me from the Sudras, who have observed the change in the habits and characters of their Christian farm labourers. Some of the bitterest enemies of Christianity have become its staunchest friends after the conversion of their own servants. Instances abound of landlords who have given higher wages to Christian labourers because of their honest work, and of others who come to the Christian Harvest Festival because of a genuine interest in the worship of their Christian dependants.

"There is a village where the caste people for over six years have worshipped no idols, have offered no sacrifices and have observed no Hindu festivals. We offer prayers and praises to your God only," they said recently to the pastor. Many of them have given up drink and foul language through the example of their Christian masters. "We are ashamed to do this now," they said, "when we see these people living clean and respectable lives!"

Bishop Azariah wears no Occidental episcopal gaiters, but goes normally in a simple purple cassock, Eastern in its origin. He goes among his people singing religious lyrics and songs, the thousand-year-old traditional method of popular teaching in India. He has himself written dramas of

the stories of Amos, Jeremiah and St. Paul. These plays, reinforced with music and costume, bring home, even to outcastes who cannot read, the essence of spiritual truth.

And the power of his personality and his plea for unity at Lausanne, as on many platforms in England this summer, is immensely reinforced by the fact that he stands a strong, sane, Nationalist Indian Christian leader who asks the West why it should impose its ecclesiastical divisions on the East, and in doing so challenges those divisions with a subtle and penetrating eloquence in their own home—"Overseas."

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SOME NEW PROFESSORS  
THIS TERM.

Although the title of professor is less exalted in England than in Scotland, the arrival of a new professor or the elevation of an assistant to the status of professor is regarded as something of an event on both sides of the Tweed. This term there are four new professors in London University. One, a woman, and an Aberdonian, Miss D. L. Mackinnon, takes the Chair of Zoology at King's College. At one time (1908-9) she was Assistant to Professor J. A. Thomson at Aberdeen University. She has taught at University College, Dundee, and since 1919 has been on the Zoological staff at King's College, London.

Professor E. H. Kettle goes to the Chair of Pathology at Bart's. He was a student at St. Mary's Hospital. He has taught at St. Mary's and at the Cancer Hospital. His first Chair was that of Pathology and Bacteriology in the Welsh National School of Medicine, Cardiff, which he held from 1924 till he came to London again this term. Dr. Bronislaw Malinowski, of Cracow, who has been Reader in Social Anthropology since 1923, has been appointed Professor of Anthropology at the School of Economics. His original work has been mainly concerned with savage society.

Dr. A. W. Reed, of King's College and of the School of Economics, has had conferred on him the title of Professor of English Language and Literature.



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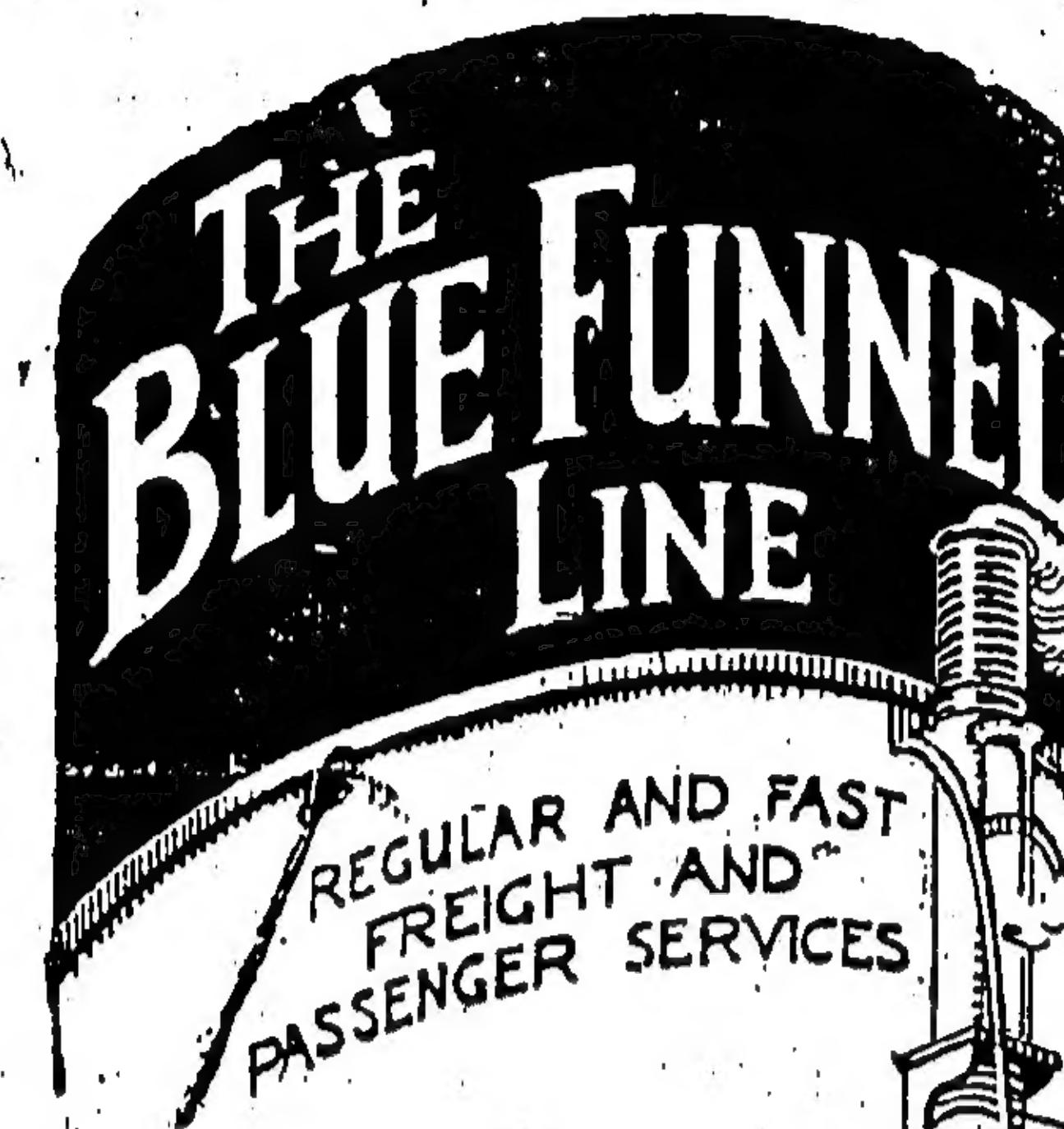
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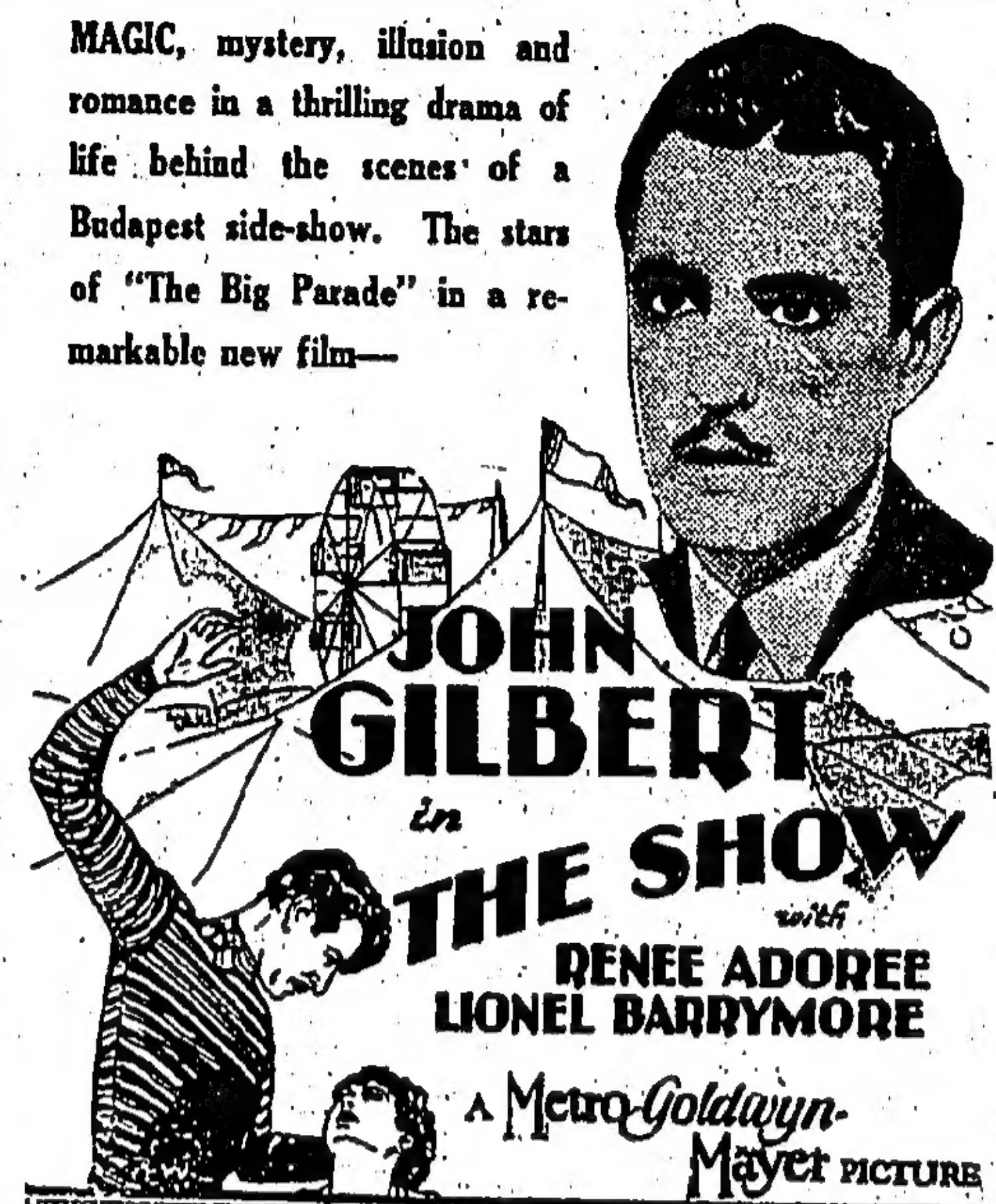
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